IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A ~~computer-implemented~~ method comprising:

    extracting ~~receiving~~ configuration information from a database; and

    generating a ~~text-based~~ configuration file containing the ~~extracted~~ configuration

    information.

2. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the configuration

    information ~~is~~ includes ~~TelAlert~~ configuration ~~keyword~~ information ~~for a~~

    ~~messaging application~~.

3. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the database is a relational database.

4. (Currently amended) The method of claim ~~3~~1 wherein the database ~~provides~~

    ~~integrity to the TelAlert system~~ validates the configuration information.

5. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the configuration file is ~~a~~

    ~~TelAlert ini file~~ used to configure a messaging application.

6. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1 further comprising periodically

    generating additional ~~text-based~~ configuration files.

7. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the ~~database includes~~

    configuration information ~~for describe~~ at least one business site.

8.	(Currently amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the configuration information is used by ~~describe~~ at least one ~~TelAlert server~~ messaging application to transmit a message to a destination.

9.	(Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the configuration information includes a contact.

10.	(Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the configuration information includes a contact method.

11.	(Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the configuration information includes a method type.

12.	(Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the configuration information includes a contact group.

13.	(Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the configuration information includes a contact group member

14.	(Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the configuration information includes a schedule.

15.	(Currently amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the configuration information includes a strategy.

16.	(Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the configuration information includes a pager type.

17.   (Currently amended) The method of claim 1 <u>further</u> ~~wherein the generation of the configuration file~~ compris<u>ing:</u> ~~es~~ creating at least one $include file.

18.   (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising:
compiling the configuration file into a compiled file at a later time.

19.   (Currently amended) The method of claim 1 further comprising:
updating the configuration information <u>stored in the database</u> through a portal.

20.   (Currently amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the ~~receiving~~ <u>extracting</u> is performed over a secure communication pathway.

21.   (Currently amended) A machine-readable medium that provides instructions, which when executed by a processor, cause said processor to perform the following comprising:
<u>extracting</u> ~~receiving~~ configuration information from a database; and
generating at least one <u>text-based</u> configuration file containing the <u>extracted</u> configuration information.

22.   (Currently amended) The machine-readable medium of claim <u>21,</u> ~~14~~ wherein the configuration information ~~is~~ <u>includes</u> ~~TelAlert~~ configuration <u>keyword</u> information <u>for a messaging application.</u>

23.   (Currently amended) The machine-readable medium of claim <u>21,</u> ~~14~~ wherein the database is a relational database.

24.   (Currently amended) The machine-readable medium of claim 21, 16 wherein the
        database provides integrity to the TelAlert system validates the configuration
        information.

25.   (Currently amended) The machine-readable medium of claim 21, 14 wherein the
        configuration file is a TelAlert ini file used to configure a messaging application.

26.   (Currently amended) The machine-readable medium of claim 21, 14 wherein the
        generating of the text-based configuration file is performed periodically.

27.   (Currently amended) The machine-readable medium of claim 21, 14 wherein the
        database includes configuration information for describe at least one business site.

28.   (Currently amended) The machine-readable medium of claim 21, 14 wherein the
        configuration information is used by describe at least one TelAlert server
        messaging application to transmit a message to a destination.

29.   (Currently amended) The machine-readable medium of claim 21, 14 wherein the
        configuration information includes a set of one or more contacts, contact methods,
        method types, contact groups, contact group members, schedules, strategies, and
        pager type.

30.   (Currently amended) The machine-readable medium of claim 21, 14 wherein
        further the generation of the configuration file comprising: es creating at least one
        $include file.

31.   (Currently amended) The machine-readable medium of claim 21, ~~14~~ further

comprising:

compiling the configuration file into a compiled file at a later time.

32.   (Currently amended) The machine-readable medium of claim 21, ~~14~~ further

comprising:

updating the configuration information <u>stored in the database</u> through a portal.

33.   (Currently amended) The machine-readable medium of claim 21, ~~14~~ wherein the

receiving is performed over a secure communication pathway.

34.   (Currently amended) An apparatus comprising:

a database, the database to store configuration information; and

a configuration generator, the configuration generator to extract configuration

        information over a communication pathway from the database and

        generate at least one <u>text-based</u> configuration file <u>including the extracted</u>

        <u>configuration information</u>.

35.   (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 34, ~~27~~ further comprising:

a portal, the portal to provide access to a user to update the configuration

        information.

36.   (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 34, ~~27~~ wherein the configuration

information ~~is~~ <u>includes</u> ~~TelAlert~~ configuration <u>keyword</u> information <u>for a</u>

<u>messaging application</u> .

37. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 34, 27 wherein the configuration

information includes a set of one or more contacts, contact methods, method

types, contact groups, contact group members, schedules, strategies, and pager

type.

38. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 34, 27 wherein the database is a

relational database.

39. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 34, 27 wherein the database to

validate provides integrity to a TelAlert system the configuration information.

40. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 34, 27 further comprising:

a compiler to generate a binary configuration file after generation of the

configuration file.

41. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 40, 33 wherein to the generation of

the generate a binary configuration file is executed from a scheduling tool.

42. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 41, 34 wherein the scheduling tool is

at least one from a group consisting of a windows scheduler or a unix cron.

43. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 34, 27 wherein at least one

configuration file is a $include file.

44. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 34, 27 wherein the communication

pathway is a secure communication pathway.

45.   (Currently amended) An apparatus comprising:

a storage device, the storage device to store configuration information; and

a processor coupled with woth the storage device over a communications

pathway, the processor to extract configuration information from the

database and generate at least one text-based configuration file including

the extracted configuration information.

46.   (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 45, 38 wherein the configuration

information is includes TelAlert configuration keyword information for a

messaging application.

47.   (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 45, 38 wherein the configuration

information includes a set of one or more contacts, contact methods, contact

groups, schedules, strategies, and pager type.

48.   (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 45, 38 wherein the storage device is

a relational database.

49.   (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 45, 38 wherein the storage device

data store provides integrity to a TelAlert system validates the configuration

information.

50.   (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 45, 38 further comprising:

a compiler to generate a binary configuration file after generation of the

configuration file.

51.   (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 50, ~~38~~ wherein the generation of the ~~to generate a~~ binary configuration file is executed from a scheduling tool.

52.   (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 51, ~~38~~ wherein the scheduling tool is one from a group consisting of a windows scheduler or a unix cron.

53.   (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 45, ~~38~~ wherein at least one configuration file is a $include file.

54.   (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 45, ~~38~~ wherein the communication pathway is a secure communications pathway.